password for starting the information processing system, and the secondary password for the secondary memory 6 are stored in any of them. If the startup password and the secondary password are stored in any of the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6, a state of the system passes on to an input means check step 24. If the startup password and the secondary password are not stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6, the state of the system passes on to a password setting display step 23, and displays a startup password and secondary password setting screen in the display device 4 such as a CRT or a liquid crystal display representing the display means, and urges the operator to set a startup password and a secondary password. In this password setting display step 23 here, the display device 4 may be substituted by a vocal means, in place of the screen display, to produce vocal sound for urging the operator to set the startup password and the secondary password with the voice.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The password matching step 27, there is checks whether or not the startup password and the secondary password input in the password input request step 25 matches with the startup password and the secondary password for the secondary memory 6, stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6. If the input secondary password is in agreement with the secondary password stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6, the state of the system goes on to the password security unlocking step 28. If the startup password and the input secondary password is in discordance with those stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6, the state of the system goes on to a startup process interrupting step 210, where the discordance interrupts starting process of the entire information processing system or the main unit of the information processor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The password security unlocking step 28 is for setting within the secondary memory 6 either the startup password which is input in the password input request step 25, or the secondary password acquired in the password step 26. That is, the password security unlocking step 28 unlocks the security lock of the main unit of the information processor and the information processing system based on the accordance of startup password, in the case the input device 3 is connected and fair startup password is input by the operator. And it also unlocks the security lock of the main unit of the information processor and the entire information processing system based on the acquired secondary password from the password acquisition step 26. Upon unlocking the security lock, the state of the system goes on to a startup process continuation step 29 to continue the starting process of the entire information processing system or the main unit of the information processor.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the secondary memory 6 is removed, and then connected to another information processor of the same model but different from the main unit of the information processor in which the secondary password is set, this another information processor checks whether or not the secondary password for this removed secondary memory 6 is stored in a nonvolatile memory 5 within the another information processor and the removed secondary memory 6. If the secondary password is stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 and the secondary memory 6, the state of the system goes on to the input means check step 24. If the secondary password is not stored in the nonvolatile memory 5 of the another information processor and the secondary memory 6, the state of the system goes on to a password input setting display step 23, and displays a startup password and a secondary password setting screen in a display device 4 defining display means such as a CRT or a liquid crystal display, and urges the operator to set a secondary password. At this step, an illegitimate operator is able merely to input a random startup password and a random

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